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Craig Puljan
Ash Grove Cement Co.
230 Cement Road
Inkom, Idaho 83245

Subject: Division Directive to Reclaim, Ash Grove Cement Company, Grouse Creek Clay Mine, S/003/0043, Box Elder County, Utah

Dear Mr. Puljan:

As per the requirements of rule R647-3-113.5, the Division of Oil Gas and Mining is now requiring reclamation of the Grouse Creek Clay Mine. You are directed to have all regrading and seeding work completed by October 15, 2014. Rule R647-3-113.5 states in part:

The Division will require complete reclamation of the mine site when the suspension period exceeds 10 years, unless the operator appeals to the Board prior to the expiration of the 10-year period and shows good cause for a longer suspension period.

The Division is taking this action based on its records which indicate the Grouse Creek Clay Mine has been inactive since at least 1999. A recent inspection of the site found that reclamation has not been completed.

Failure to complete reclamation as required could result in enforcement action and the Division seeking forfeiture of the reclamation surety.

Please contact Lynn Kunzler at 801-538-5310 or me at 801-538-5261 if you have questions or concerns about this requirement. Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

Paul B. Baker
Minerals Program Manager

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Enclosure: Inspection Report of 4/8/2014

cc: Steve Allen, BLM (sallen@blm.gov) w/enclosure

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